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1. No US gain from early Japanese treaty foreseen--The US and UK Embassies in Moscow believe that the USSR would not be willing to join in an 11-power conference on the Japanese peace treaty. The US Embassy considers that the USSR prefers to stay outside such treaty negotiations and that the US consequently would gain nothing by an early treaty with Japan.

(CIA Comment: CIA concurs in the opinion that the USSR is unlikely to join in such an 11-power conference.)

2. France prescribes reciprocal representation with USSR--According to US Ambassador Smith in Moscow, France has notified the USSR that representation and visas between the two governments hereafter will be on a strictly reciprocal basis.

(CIA Comment: This strong French stand against Soviet abuse of diplomatic privileges, which appears indicative of France's determined alignment with the Western Powers, will place further strain on Soviet-French relations.)

3. Early Rumanian recognition of Markos government foreseen--The US Military and Naval Attaches in Bucharest transmit as "possibly true" that the Rumanian Government is seriously studying the question of according recognition to the Markos government in Greece. (According to US Minister Marvel in Copenhagen, the Swedish Minister has learned

that Rumania will shortly recognize the Markos government.)

(CIA Comment: The USSR may consider that recognition of Markos by Rumania, rather than by the other Satellites, would involve less risk of direct conflict with the US, because Rumania is geographically removed from Greece and is not directly involved in the border disputes.)

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4. FRANCE: Withdrawal of French exchange proposal requested -- A French Foreign Office official has informed the US Embassy in Paris that the managing director of the International Monetary Fund has appealed to the French Government to withdraw its foreign exchange proposal in the form presently submitted

[redacted] The French official, who believed that the appeal was supported by the US, considers that the director wishes to avoid bringing the French proposal to a vote because of strong opposition from the UK and Canada. The Embassy requests a clarification of the US position in this matter.

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5. BULGARIA: Soviet military personnel may total 5,000 -- The US Military Attache in Sofia believes that Soviet military personnel in Bulgaria "may total up to 5,000." He transmits a report that a number of Soviet field grade officers are arriving in civilian clothes from Rumania for temporary duty to replace purged Bulgarian Army officers.

The MA adds that a number of Soviet officers, formerly engaged in border security measures for the Allied Control Commission in Bulgaria, are still in the country and may be aiding the Greek guerrillas.

6. GREECE: Coalition government reportedly strengthened -- US Charge Rankin reports that a meeting of the Greek Inter-party Coordinating Committee has taken place in a conciliatory atmosphere and has resulted in at least temporary reinforcement of the coalition cabinet's status

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